

## WAT

- WATERFALL**. *n. f.* [water and fall.] Cataract; cascade.  
I have seen in the Indies far greater waterfalls than those of Nilus. *Raleigh.*  
Not Lacedemon charms me more,  
Than high Albana's airy walls,  
Resounding with her waterfalls. *Addison.*
- WATERFOWL**. *n. f.* Fowl that live, or get their food in water.  
*Waterfowl* joy most in that air, which is likest water. *Bacon.*  
*Waterfowl* supply the weariness of a long flight by taking water, and numbers of them are found in islands, and in the main ocean. *Hale's Origin of Mankind.*  
Fish and *waterfowl*, who feed of turbid and muddy stony water, are accounted the cause of phlegm. *Floyer.*  
The stomachs of *waterfowl* that live upon fish, are human. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*
- WATERGRUEL**. *n. f.* [water and gruel.] Food made with oatmeal and water.  
For breakfast milk, milk-pottage, *watergruel*, and flummery, are very fit to make for children. *Locke.*  
The aliment ought to be slender, as *watergruel* acidulated. *Arbutnot on Diet.*
- WATERINESS**. *n. f.* [from *water*.] Humidity; moisture.  
The forerunners of an apoplexy are dulness, night-mares, weakness, *wateriness*, and turgidity of the eyes. *Arbutnot.*
- WATERISH**. *adj.* [from *water*.]  
1. Resembling water.  
Where the principles are only phlegm, what can be expected from the *waterish* matter, but an insipid manhood, and a stupid old infancy? *Dryden.*  
2. Moist; insipid.  
Some parts of the earth grow moorish or *waterish*, others dry. *Hale's Origin of Mankind.*
- WATERISHNESS**. *n. f.* [from *waterish*.] Thinness; resemblance of water.  
A pendulous limeness answers a pituitous state, or an acerbity, which resembles the tartar of our humours, or *waterishness*, which is like the serosity of our blood. *Floer.*
- WATERLEAF**. *n. f.* A plant. It hath a bell-shaped flower, consisting of one leaf, and cut into several segments: from the bottom part of the flower arises the point, which afterward becomes a fruit, opening in two parts, inclosing seeds of the same shape as the vessel. *Miller.*
- WATERLILLY**. *n. f.* [*nymphaea*, Lat.] A plant. The characters are; the flower consists of several leaves, which expand in form of a rose; out of the flower cup arises the point, which afterwards becomes an almost globular fruit, consisting of many cells, filled with seeds, which are for the most part oblong. *Miller.*  
Let them lie dry twelve months, to kill the water-weeds, as *waterlilies* and bull-rushes. *Walton's Angler.*
- WATERMAN**. *n. f.* [water and man.] A ferryman; a boatman.  
Having blocked up the passage to Greenwich, they ordered the *watermen* to let fall their oars more gently. *Dryden.*  
Bubbles of air working upward from the very bottom of the lake, the *watermen* told us that they are observed always to rise in the same places. *Addison on Italy.*
- WATERMAN**. *n. f.* [water and man.] A ferryman; a boatman.  
The *waterman* forlorn, along the shore,  
Penive reclines upon his useless oar. *Gay.*
- WATERMARK**. *n. f.* [water and mark.] The utmost limit of the rise of the flood.  
Men and beasts  
Were borne above the tops of trees that grew  
On th' utmost margin of the *watermark*. *Dryden.*
- WATERMELON**. *n. f.* A plant. It hath trailing branches, as the cucumber or melon, and is distinguished from other cucurbitaceous plants, by its leaf deeply cut and jagged, and by its producing uneatable fruit. *Miller.*
- WATERMILL**. *n. f.* Mill turned by water.  
Forth flowed fresh  
A gushing river of black gory blood,  
That drowned all the land whereon he stood:  
The stream thereof would drive a *watermill*. *Fairy Queen.*  
The picture may be set forth with farm houses and *watermills*. *Peasam on Drawing.*  
Corn ground by windmills, erected on hills, or in the plains where the *watermills* stood. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
- WATERMINT**. *n. f.* A plant.
- WATERMOTH**. *n. f.* A species of water-creffes, which see.
- WATERMURDER**. *n. f.* A rat that makes holes in banks.  
There be land-rats and *water-murders*. *Shakespeare.*  
The pike is bold, and lies near the top of the water, watching the motion of any frog, or *water-rat*, or mouse. *Walton.*
- WATERPOCKET**. *n. f.* A species of water-creffes.
- WATERVIOLET**. *n. f.* [*battonia*, Lat.] A plant. It hath a rose-shaped flower, consisting of one leaf, which is divided into two parts, almost to the bottom: in the center of the flower arises the point, which afterwards becomes a cylindrical fruit, in which are contained spherical seeds. *Miller.*

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- WATERSAPPHIRE**. *n. f.* A sort of stone.  
*Watersapphire* is the occidental sapphire, and is neither of so bright a blue, nor so hard as the oriental. *Woodward.*
- WATERWITH**. *n. f.* [water and with.] A plant.  
The *waterwith* of Jamaica growing on dry hills, in the woods, where no water is to be met with, its trunk, if cut into pieces two or three yards long, and held by either end to the mouth, affords so plentifully a limpid, innocent, and refreshing water, or sap, as gives new life to the drouthy traveller or hunter. *Derham's Physico-Theology.*
- WATERWORK**. *n. f.* [water and work.] Play of fountains; artificial spouts of water; any hydraulic performance.  
Engines invented for mines and *waterworks* often fail in the performance. *Wilkins's Math. Magic.*  
The French took from the Italians the first plans of their gardens, as well as *waterworks*. *Addison.*
- WATERY**. *adj.* [from *water*.]  
1. Thin; liquid; like water.  
Quicksilver, which is a most crude and *watery* body, heated, and pent in, hath the like force with gunpowder. *Bacon.*  
The bile, by its saponaceous quality, mixeth the oily and *watery* parts of the aliment together. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*  
2. Tattles; insipid; vapid; spiritless.  
We'll use this unwholesome humblity, this gross, *watery* pumpion. *Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor.*  
No heterogeneous mixture use, as some  
With *watery* turneps have debas'd their wines. *Philips.*  
3. Wet; abounding with water.  
When the big lip, and *wat'ry* eye  
Tell me, the rising storm is nigh:  
'Tis thou art yon angry main,  
Deform'd by winds, and dash'd by rain. *Prior.*
4. Relating to the water.  
On the brims her fire, the *wat'ry* god,  
Roll'd from a silver urn his crystal flood. *Dryden.*
5. Consisting of water.  
The *wat'ry* kingdom is no bar  
To stop the foreign spirits; but they come,  
As o'er a brook, to see fair Portia. *Shakespeare.*  
Those few escap'd  
Famine, and anguish, will at last consume,  
Wandering that *wat'ry* desert. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. xi.*  
Betwixt us and you wide oceans flow,  
And *wat'ry* deserts. *Dryden's Indian Emperor.*  
Together to the *wat'ry* camp they haste. *Dryden.*  
Perhaps you'll say,  
That the attract'd *wat'ry* vapours rise  
From lakes and seas, and fill the lower skies. *Blackmore.*
- WATTLE**. *n. f.* [from *waghen*, to shake, German. *Skinner.*]  
1. The barbs, or loose red flesh that hangs below the cock's bill.  
The loach is of the shape of an eel, and has a beard of *wattle* like a barbel. *Walton.*  
The barbel is so called, by reason of his barb, or *wattle*, at his mouth, which is under his nose or chops. *Walton.*  
His comb and *wattle* are an ornament becoming his martial spirit. *Moré's Antidote against Illness.*
2. A hurdle.  
To *WATTLE*. *v. a.* [parcelas, Saxon; *twigs*.] To bind with twigs; to form, by plaiting twigs one within another.  
Might we but hear  
The folded flocks penn'd in their *wattled* cotes,  
Or found of pastoral reed with oaten stops. *Milton.*  
A plough was found in a very deep hog, and a hedge *wattled* standing. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
- WAVE**. *n. f.* [pæge, Saxon; *wægh*, Dutch; *wagus*, French.]  
1. Water raised above the level of the surface; billow; water driven into inequalities.  
The shore, that o'er his *wave*-worn basis bow'd. *Shakespeare.*  
The *waves* that rise would drown the highest hill;  
But at thy check they flee, and when they hear  
Thy thund'ring voice, they post to do thy will.  
Amidst these toils succeeds the balmy night;  
Now hissing waters the quench'd guns restore;  
And weary *waves* withdrawing from the fight,  
Are lull'd, and pant upon the silent shore.  
The *wave* behind impels the *wave* before.  
Luxuriant on the *wave*-worn bank he lay  
Stretch'd forth, and panting in the sunny ray. *Pope.*
2. Unevenness; inequality.  
Thus it happens, if the glass of the prism be free from veins, and their sides be accurately plane and well polished, without those numberless *waves*, or curls, which usually arise from sand-holes a little smoothed in polishing with putty. *Newton.*
- WAVE**. *v. n.* [from the noun.]  
1. To play loosely; to float.  
I may find  
Your warlike enligns *waving* in the wind. *Dryden.*  
McLapus' scia  
He laces on, and wears the *waving* crest. *Dryden.*

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2. To be moved as a signal.  
A bloody arm it is, that holds a pine  
Lighted, above the capitol, and now  
It *waves* unto us. *B. Johnson's Catiline.*
3. To be in an unsettled state; to fluctuate.  
They *wave* in and out, no way sufficiently grounded, no way resolved, what to think, speak, or write, more than only that because they have taken it upon them, they must be opposite. *Hosker, b. v.*  
If he did not care whether he had their love or no, he *wav'd* indifferently 'twixt doing them neither good nor harm. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*
- WAVE**. *v. a.* [from the noun.]  
1. To raise into inequalities of surface.  
He had a thousand noses,  
Horns wolv'd and *wav'd* like the enridged sea. *Shakespeare.*
2. To move loosely.  
They *wav'd* their fiery swords, and in the air  
Made horrid circles  
Aeneas *wav'd* his fatal sword  
High o'er his head. *Dryden.*  
He beckoned to me, and, by the *waving* of his hand, directed me to approach the place where he sat. *Addison.*
3. To wait; to remove any thing floating.  
Some men never conceive how the motion of the earth below should *wave* one from a knock perpendicularly directed from a body in the air above. *Brown's Phil. Errors.*
4. To beckon; to direct by a waft or motion of any thing.  
Look with what courteous action  
It *waves* you to a more removed ground:  
But do not go with it. *Shakespeare.*
5. [Guefer, Fr. *Skinner*.] To put off.  
He resolved not to *wave* his way upon this reason, that if he should but once, by such a diversion, make his enemy believe he were afraid of danger, he should never live without. *Wotton's Life of the Duke of Buckingham.*  
These, *waving* plots, found out a better way;  
Some god descended, and prefer'd the play. *Dryden.*
6. To put aside for the present.  
I have *wav'd* the subject of your greatness, to resign myself to the contemplation of what is more peculiarly yours. *Dryden.*  
Since her interest for the nation's *wav'd*,  
Then I who fav'd the king, the nation fav'd. *Dryden.*
- WAVY**. *v. n.* [papian, Saxon.]  
1. To play to and fro; to move loosely.  
I took two triangular glasses, and one of them being kept fixt in the same posture, that the Iris it projected on the floor might not *waver*, I cast on the same floor another Iris, with another prism, moving it to and fro. *Boyle.*  
The whitening shower descends,  
At first then *wavering*. *Thomson's Winter.*
2. To be unsettled; to be uncertain, or inconsistent; to fluctuate; not to be determined.  
In which amazement, when the miscreant  
Perceived him to *waver*, weak and frail,  
Whilst trembling horror did his conscience daunt,  
And hellish anguish did his soul assail. *Fairy Queen.*  
Remember where we are;  
In France, among a fickle, *wavering* nation. *Shakespeare.*  
Thou almost nak'd me *waver* in my faith,  
To hold opinion with Pythagoras,  
'Tis fables of animals infuse themselves  
Into the trunks of men. *Shakespeare.*  
Hold fast the faith without *wavering*. *Heb. x.*  
The *wav'ring* faith of people vain and light. *Daniel.*  
Faith as absolutely determines our minds, and as perfectly excludes all *wavering*, as our knowledge itself; and we may as well doubt of our own being, as we can, whether any revelation from God be true. *Locke.*  
What if Hopsinian should have said, that Luther *wav'd* in the point of the sacrament? does it follow that he really did so? *Atterbury.*  
They, who at this distance from the first rise of the gospel, after weighing the several evidences of it, *waver* in their faith, would have *wav'd*, though they had seen the first promulgers work wonders. *Atterbury.*
- WAVY**. *n. f.* [from *wav'ring*.] One unsettled and irresolute.  
Come, young *wav'ring*, come, and go with me;  
In one respect I'll thy assistant be. *Shakespeare.*
- WAVY**. *adj.* [from *wave*.]  
1. Rising in waves.  
For thee the ocean smiles, and smooths her *wavy* breast;  
And heav'n itself with more serene and purer light is blest. *Dryden.*
2. Playing to and fro, as in undulations.  
Where full-ear'd sheaves of rye  
Grow *wavy* on the tilth, that soil select  
For apples. *Philips.*  
Let her glad valleys smile with *wavy* corn;  
Let fleecy flocks her rising hills adorn. *Prior.*
- WAVES**, or *WATERS*. *n. f.* A word used by *Spenser*, according to the Saxon pronunciation.

## WAY

1. For waves.  
Another did the dying brands repair  
With iron tongs, and sprinkled oft the fame  
With liquid *ways*. *Fairy Queen.*
2. In the following passage it seems to be for *woes* [pa, Saxon.]  
Whilst they fly that gulf's devouring jaws,  
They on this rock are rent, and funk in helpless *waves*. *Spenser.*
- TO WAWL**. *v. n.* [pa, *grief*, Saxon.] To cry; to howl.  
The first time that we smell the air,  
We *wawle* and cry. *Shakespeare's K. Lear.*
- WAX**. *n. f.* [pæxe, Saxon; *wex*, Danish; *wacks*, Dutch.]  
1. The thick tenacious matter gathered by the bee, and formed into cells for the reception of the honey.  
*Wax* consists of an acid spirit, of a nauseous taste, and an oil or butter, which is emollient, laxative, and anodyne. *Arb.*  
They give us food which may with nectar vie,  
And *wax*, that does the absent sun supply. *Roscommon.*  
All the magistrates, every new or full moon, give honour to Confucius with bowings, *wax* candles, and incense. *Stillin.*  
While visits shall be paid on solemn days,  
When num'rous *wax* lights in bright order blaze;  
So long my honour, name, and praise shall live. *Pope.*
2. Any tenacious mass, such as is used to fasten letters.  
We fasten the *wax*, before we set on the seal. *Moré.*
3. A kind of concretion in the flesh.  
A fontanel in her neck was much inflamed, and many *wax*-kernels about it. *Wifeman's Surgery.*
- TO WAX**. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To smear; to join with wax.  
He form'd the reeds, proportion'd as they are;  
Unequal in their length, and *wax'd* with care,  
They still retain the name of his ungrateful fair. *Dryden.*
- TO WAX**. *v. n.* pret. *wax*, *waxed*, part. pass. *waxed*, *waxen*. [pæxan, Saxon; *wachsen*, German.]  
1. To grow; to increase; to become bigger, or more. Used of the moon, in opposition to *wane*, and figuratively of things which grow by turns bigger and less.  
The husbandman in sowing and setting, upon good reason, observes the *waxing* and waning of the moon. *Hakewill.*  
Land and trade are twins, they *wax* and *wane* together. *Child.*
2. To pass into any state; to become; to grow. It is in either sense now almost diffused.  
Where things have been instituted, which being convenient and good at the first, do afterward in process of time *wax* otherwise, we make no doubt but they may be altered, yea, though councils or customs general have received them. *Hooker.*  
Careless the man soon *wax*, and his wit weak  
Was overcome of things that did him please. *Fairy Queen.*  
Art thou like the adder *waxen* deaf?  
We will destroy this place; because the cry of them is *waxen* great before the Lord. *Gen. xix. 13.*  
Flowers removed *wax* greater, because the nourishment is more easily come by in the loose earth. *Bacon.*  
This answer given, Argantes wild drew near,  
Trembling for ire, and *waxing* pale for rage;  
Nor could he hold. *Fairfax, b. ii.*  
If I *wax* but cold in my desire,  
Think heav'n hath motion lost, and the world fire. *Donne.*  
Their manners *wax* more and more corrupt, in proportion as their blessings abound. *Atterbury.*
- WAXEN**. *n. f.* [from *wax*.] Made of wax.  
Swarming next appear'd  
The female bee, that feeds her husband drone  
Deliciously, and builds her *waxen* cells  
With honey stor'd. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. vii.*  
I can yet shoot beams, whose heat can melt  
The *waxen* wings of this ambitious boy. *Denham.*  
So weary bees in little cells repose;  
But if night-robbers lift the well-stor'd hive,  
An humming through their *waxen* city grows,  
And out upon each other's wings they drive. *Dryden.*  
Others with sweets the *waxen* cells defend. *Gay.*
- WAY**. *n. f.* [pæz, Saxon; *wægh*, Dutch.]  
1. The road in which one travels.  
I am amaz'd, and lose my *way*,  
Among the thorns and dangers of this world. *Shakespeare.*  
You cannot see your *way*.  
—I have no *way*, and therefore want no eyes:  
I stumbled when I saw.  
To God's eternal house direct the *way*,  
A broad and ample road. *Milton.*  
Flut'ring the god, and weeping said,  
Pity poor Cupid, generous maid!  
Who happen'd, being blind, to stray,  
And on thy bosom lost his *way*. *Prior.*
2. Broad road made for passengers.  
Know'st thou the *way* to Dover?—  
—Both stile and gate, horse-way, and foot-path. *Shakespeare.*
3. A length of journey.  
An old man that had travelled a great *way* under a huge burden, found himself so weary, that he called upon death to deliver him. *L'Estrange.*
4. Course